

**PUBLIC HEALTH CODE (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 368 of 1978**

PART 179.  
ATHLETIC TRAINING

**333.17901 Definitions.**

Sec. 17901. (1) As used in this part:

(a) "Athletic trainer" means an individual engaged in the practice of athletic training.

(b) "Practice of athletic training" means the treatment of an individual for risk management and injury prevention, the clinical evaluation and assessment of an individual for an injury or illness, or both, the immediate care and treatment of an individual for an injury or illness, or both, and the rehabilitation and reconditioning of an individual's injury or illness, or both, if those activities are within the rules promulgated under section 17904 and performed under the direction of, on the prescription of, or in collaboration with an individual licensed under part 170 or 175. The practice of athletic training does not include the practice of physical therapy, the practice of medicine, the practice of osteopathic medicine and surgery, the practice of chiropractic, or medical diagnosis or treatment.

(2) In addition to the definitions in this part, article 1 contains general definitions and principles of construction applicable to all articles in this code and part 161 contains definitions applicable to this part.

**History:** Add. 2006, Act 54, Eff. Dec. 1, 2006;—Am. 2015, Act 166, Eff. Jan. 26, 2016.

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**333.17902 Practice of athletic training; license required; use of titles; exceptions.**

Sec. 17902. (1) Beginning on February 4, 2010, an individual shall not engage in the practice of athletic training unless licensed under this part or otherwise authorized to engage in the practice of athletic training under this section. An individual licensed under this part shall not provide, offer to provide, or represent that he or she is qualified to provide any services that he or she is not qualified to perform by his or her education, training, or experience or that he or she is otherwise prohibited by law from performing.

(2) Subsection (1) does not prohibit an individual licensed under any other part or any other act from performing activities that are considered the practice of athletic training so long as those activities are within the individual's scope of practice and the individual does not use the titles protected under subsection (3).

(3) Except as otherwise provided in this section, beginning on February 4, 2010, an individual shall not use the titles "athletic trainer", "licensed athletic trainer", "certified athletic trainer", "athletic trainer certified", "a.t.", "a.t.l.", "c.a.t.", "a.t.c.", or similar words that indicate that the person is an athletic trainer unless the individual is licensed under this article as an athletic trainer.

(4) This part does not apply to a person who is present in this state for an event that uses the services of athletic trainers, who is present in this state for not more than 30 consecutive days, and who is a board of certification certified athletic trainer or is licensed as an athletic trainer in another state.

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**333.17903 Michigan athletic trainer board; creation; membership; terms.**

Sec. 17903. (1) The Michigan athletic trainer board is created in the department and shall consist of the following members meeting the requirements of part 161:

(a) Until June 30, 2010, 4 athletic trainers. Beginning July 1, 2010, 6 athletic trainers.

(b) Until June 30, 2010, 1 public member. Beginning July 1, 2010, 3 public members.

(c) Two physicians licensed under part 170 or 175.

(2) The terms of office of individual members of the board created under this part, except those appointed to fill vacancies, expire 4 years after appointment on June 30 of the year in which the term expires.

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**333.17904 Rules.**

Sec. 17904. (1) The department shall promulgate rules establishing the minimum standards for licensure as an athletic trainer under this part and the minimum standards of care for the practice of athletic training.

(2) In promulgating the rules required under this section, the department may consult the professional standards issued by the national athletic trainer's association, by the national athletic trainer's association

board of certification, or by another nationally recognized professional association. The department may incorporate by reference, in whole or in part, existing standards in the rules.

(3) As needed, the department may amend or supplement any standards by promulgation of a rule.

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### **333.17905 License; requirements; continuing education rules.**

Sec. 17905. (1) The department shall issue a license under this article as an athletic trainer to an individual who meets all of the following requirements:

- (a) Applies to the department on a form provided by the department.
- (b) Meets the requirements for licensure in rules promulgated pursuant to section 17904.
- (c) Pays the fees prescribed in section 16336.

(2) The department shall promulgate rules to require at least 75 clock hours of continuing education within each 3-year license cycle in subjects related to athletic training and approved by the department.

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### **333.17906 License; duration; renewal.**

Sec. 17906. (1) The department shall issue a license under section 17905 for a 3-year license cycle. The license is renewable upon payment of the prescribed license renewal fee and submission to the department of proof of satisfactory completion of at least 75 clock hours of continuing education within the 3-year license cycle in subjects related to athletic training and approved by the department.

(2) In addition to the continuing education requirements of subsection (1), an athletic trainer shall submit along with his or her application for license renewal proof satisfactory to the department of both of the following:

(a) That he or she has successfully completed a course of training in first aid, cardiopulmonary resuscitation, and automated external defibrillator use for health care professionals or emergency services personnel approved by the department and offered or approved by the American Red Cross, the American Heart Association, or a comparable organization, as determined by the department.

(b) That he or she holds, at the time of application for renewal and at all times during the previous license period, a valid certification in first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation issued by the organization offering the training.

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### **333.17907 Third party reimbursement.**

Sec. 17907. This part does not require new or additional third party reimbursement for services rendered by an individual licensed under this part.

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